MASARU-SAN, GO SAVE SHIROGANE-SAN.
INTER-ESTING... GRAZIANO, YOU CAN HAVE THE ANIMAL TAMER.
LEAVE THESE GUYS TO US.
AND BRIGHELLA CAN PLAY WITH THE PUPPETEER CHILD.
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SO, MASARU-CHAN...
BUT NOW I'M ON MASARU-CHAN'S SIDE.
YUP, I'M AN AUTOMATON.
WAIT, ARE YOU...
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WHOOPS, LEAVE THIS GIRL TO ME.
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT, COLUMBINE?

HURRY UP AND GO SAVE ELEONORE!!

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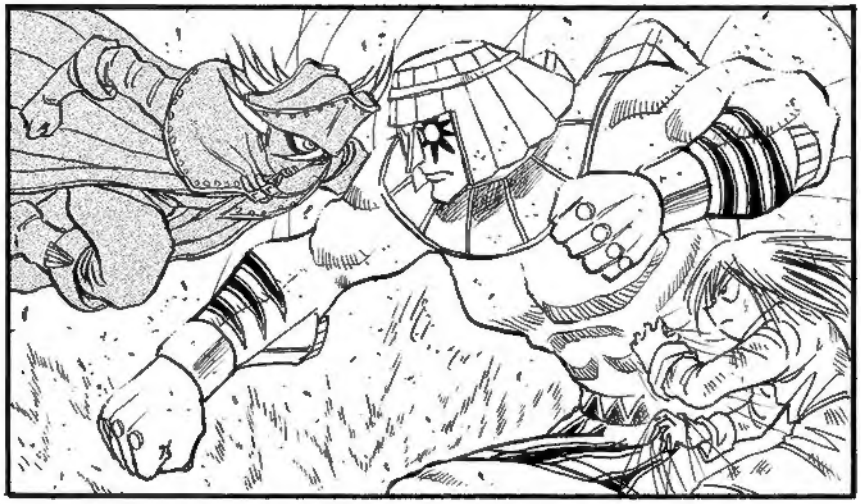
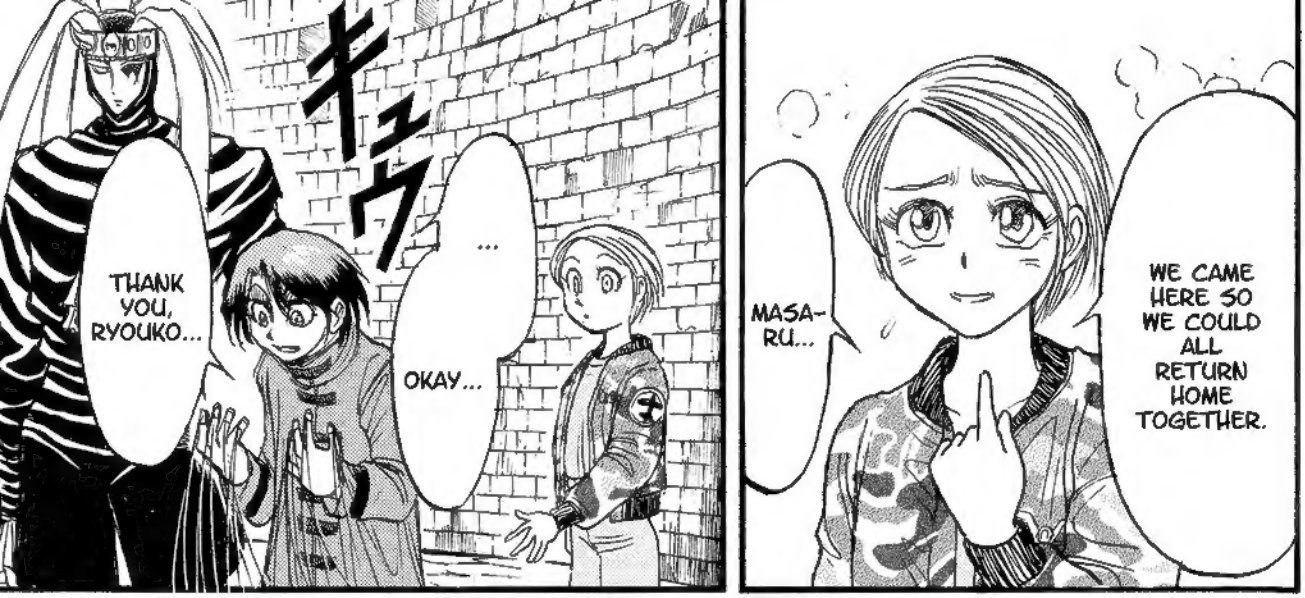


GUYS... THIS IS DANGEROUS...

I CAN'T, RYOUKO. I CAN'T JUST LEAVE BY MYSELF AND LET EVERYONE ELSE FIGHT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MASARU?!

IF YOU BRING SHIROGANE-SAN BACK, WE CAN ALL RETURN HOME TOGETHER!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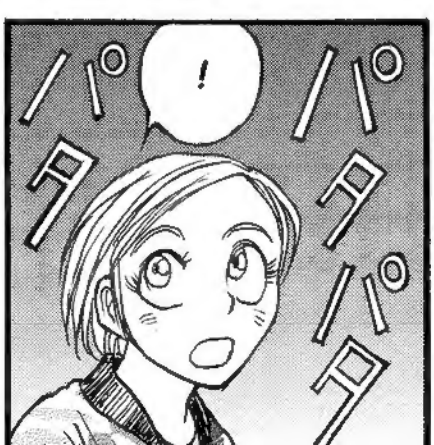
THANK YOU, RYOUKO...
...
OKAY...
MASA-RU...
WE CAME HERE SO WE COULD ALL RETURN HOME TOGETHER.

WE'LL ALL RETURN SOON.
GOOD LUCK, MASARU!

WHY DID YOU ALL JUST JUMP OFF? I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S LATE!
GRIP-PON!

BE CAREFUL!!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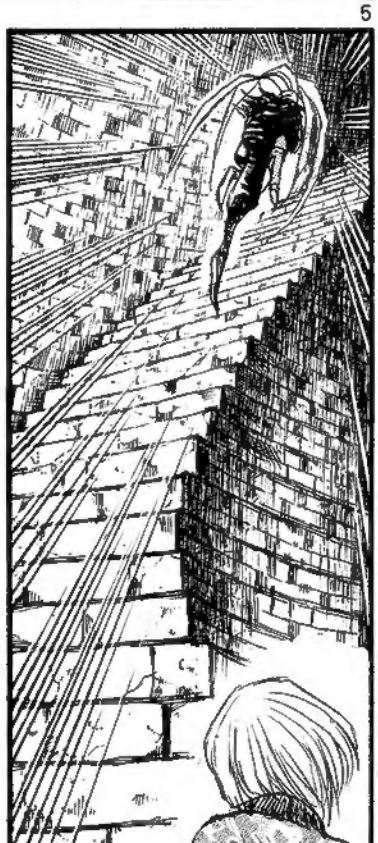
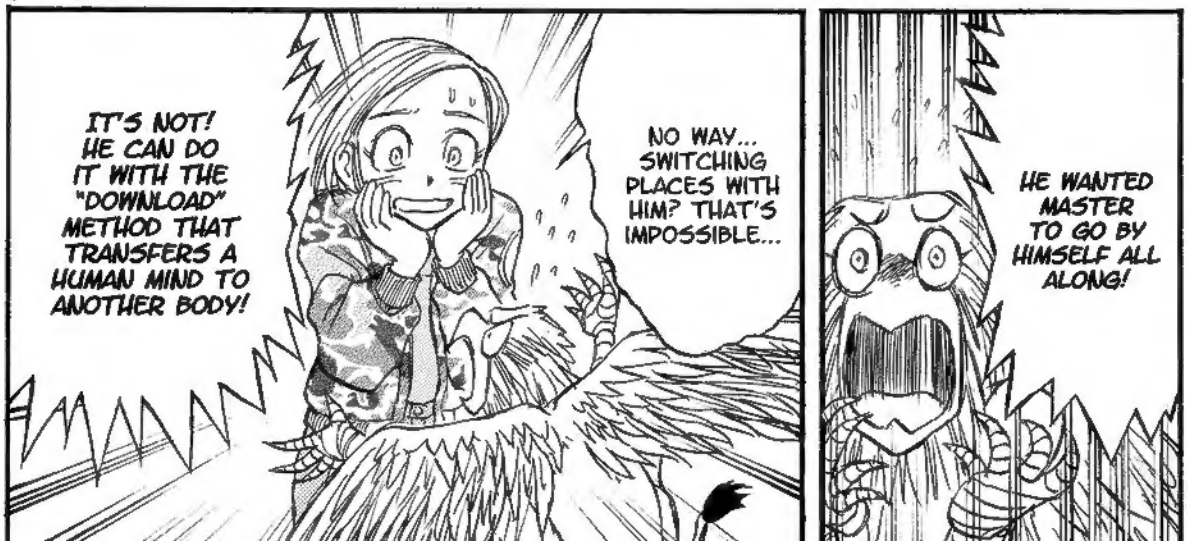
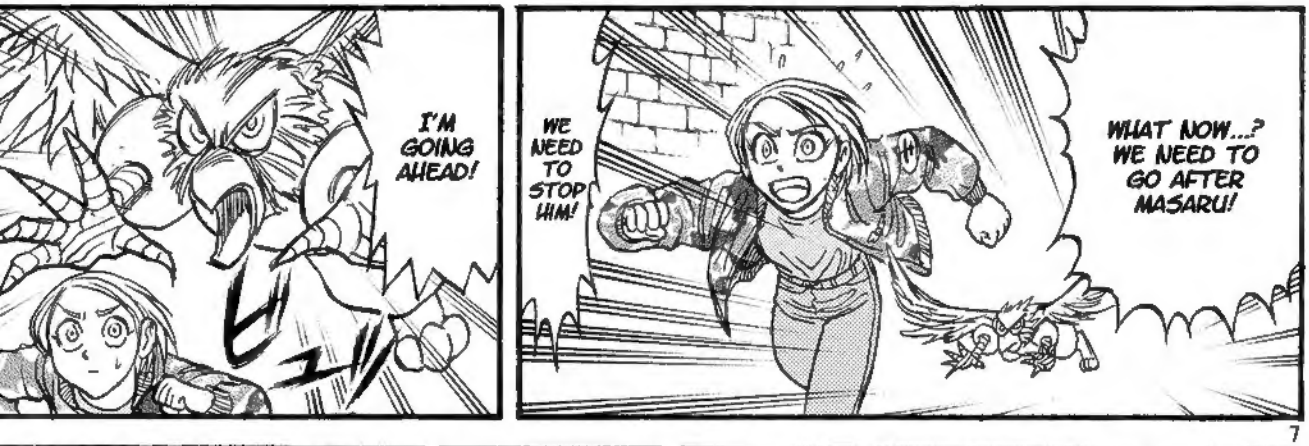


W-WHAT DID YOU SAY...?!
MASARU WENT UPSTAIRS TO SAVE SHIROGANE-SAN.
AND THE FIGHT HAS ALREADY STARTED! DID YOU HELP MASTER?
THAT'S BAD NEWS!
WAIT A SECOND...
APPARENTLY SHE'S GOING TO RIDE ON A ROCKET... SO HE WENT TO RESCUE HER...
...AND SWITCH PLACES WITH HIM!
FACELESS PLANS TO CAPTURE MASTER BEFORE RIDING THE ROCKET...


IT'S NOT! HE CAN DO IT WITH THE "DOWNLOAD" METHOD THAT TRANSFERS A HUMAN MIND TO ANOTHER BODY!
NO WAY... SWITCHING PLACES WITH HIM? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
HE WANTED MASTER TO GO BY HIMSELF ALL ALONG!

FOR STARTERS, THERE'S NO WAY SHIROGANE WOULD FORGIVE FACELESS IF HE WENT TO SPACE WITH HER, RIGHT?!
HE WANTS HER HEART. SO USING THE PERSON SHE TRUSTS THE MOST IS A SURE WAY!


WHAT NOW...? WE NEED TO GO AFTER MASARU!
WE NEED TO STOP HIM!
I'M GOING AHEAD!

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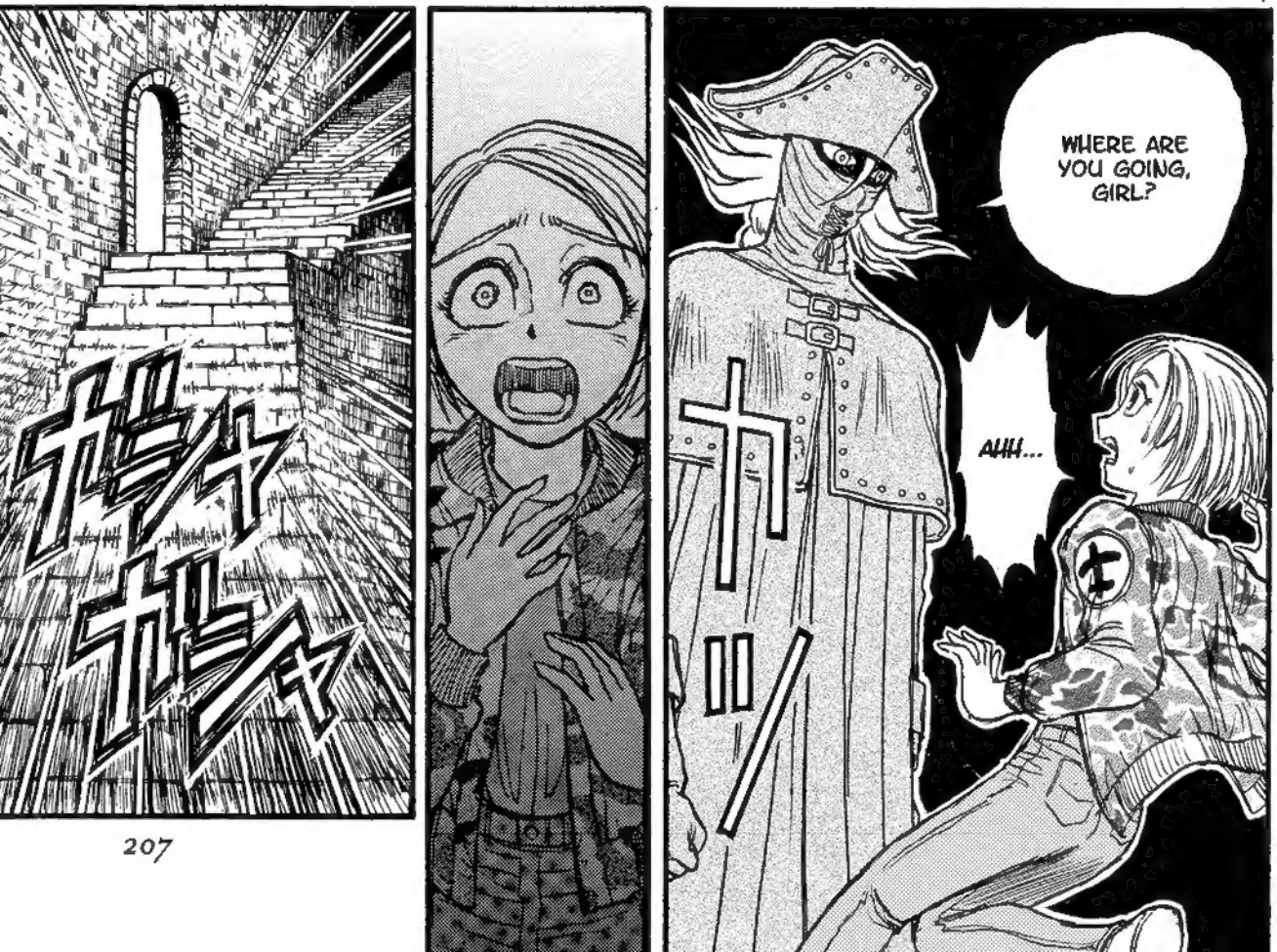
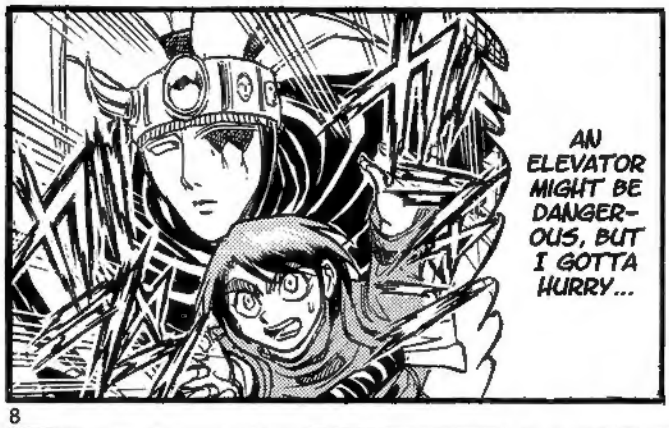
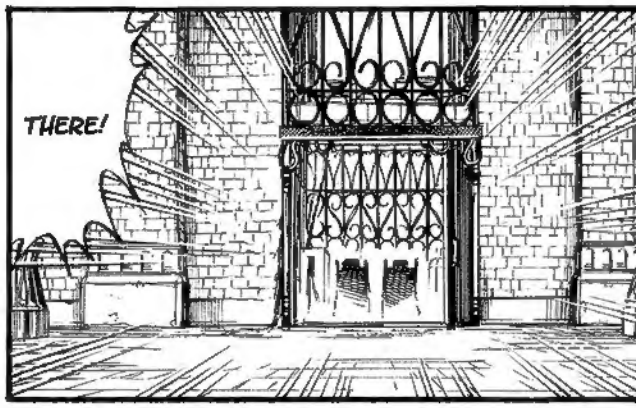

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, GIRL?
AHH...

I NEED TO SAVE SHIROGANE SOON...
HEIMA SAID THERE'S AN ELEVATOR IN THIS ROOM...


AN ELEVATOR MIGHT BE DANGER-OUS, BUT I GOTTA HURRY...


THERE!

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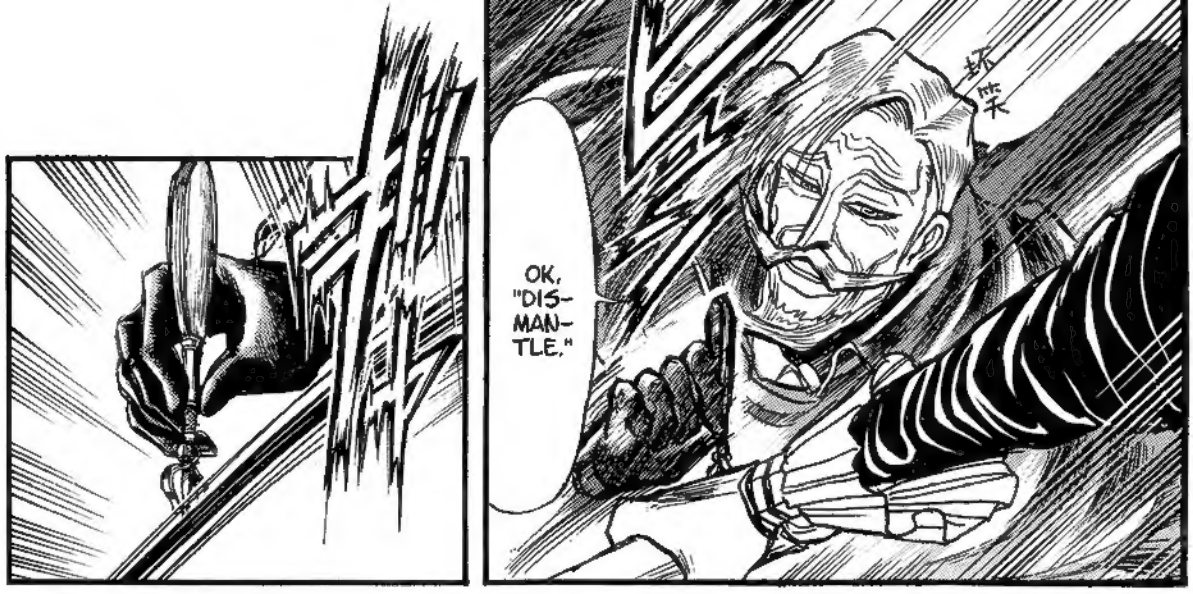
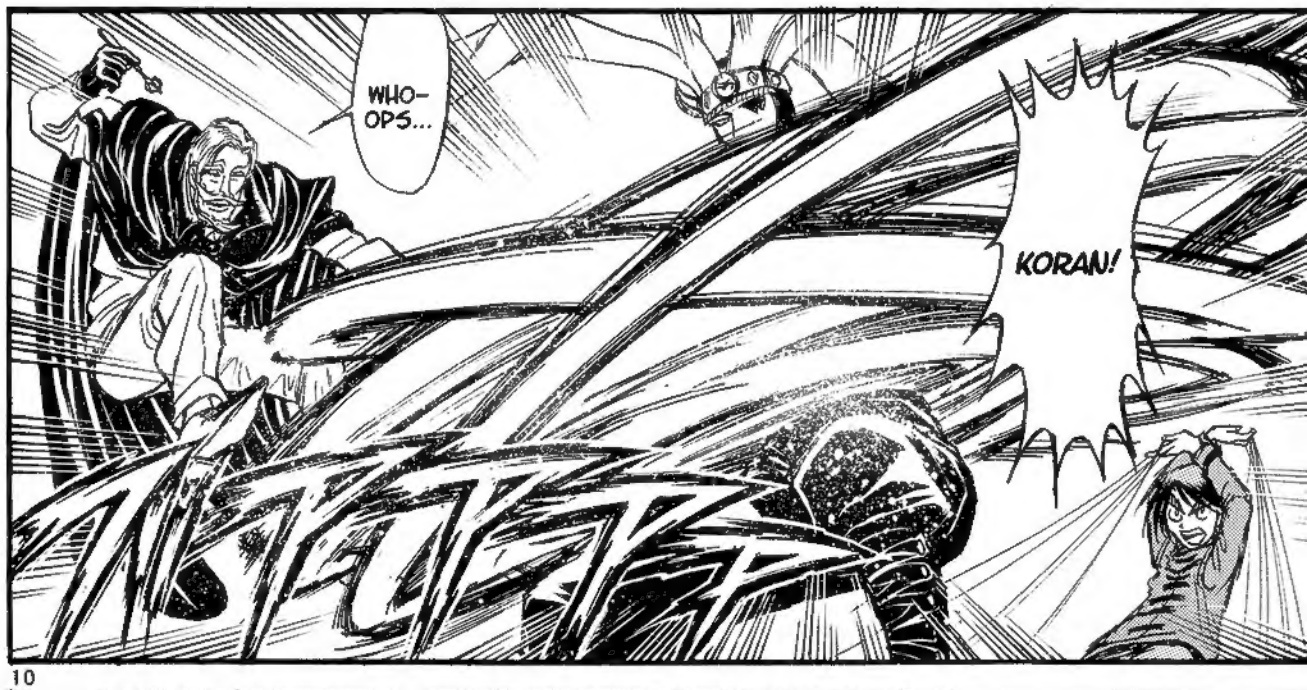
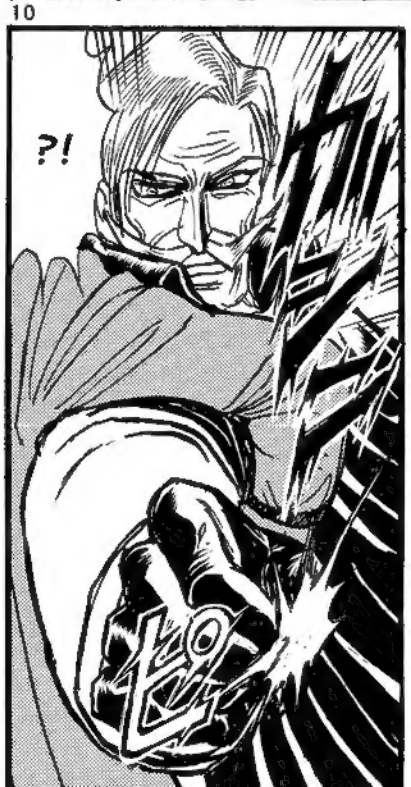
FINAL-LY.
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US NOW.

FUHH...

FACE-LESS!
RIGHT, MASARU?
LOOK, THE ELEVATOR JUST BEHIND ME LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE ROCKET SHIROGANE IS ON...
YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT ME IF YOU WANT TO PASS!
ARLEQUIN!


OK, "DIS-MAN-TLE."


WHO-OPS...
KORAN!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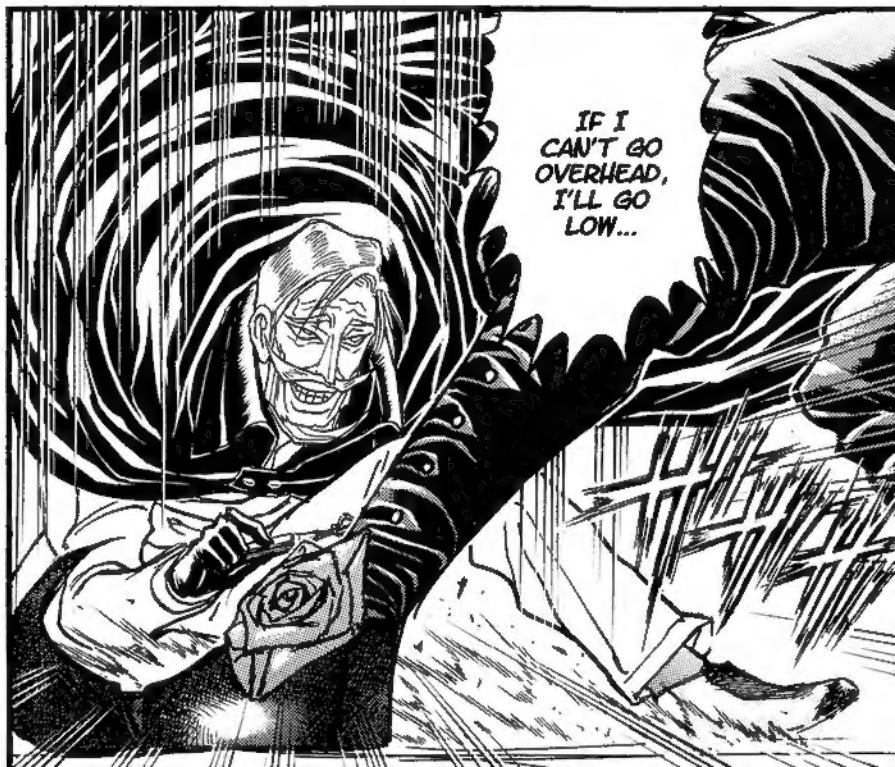
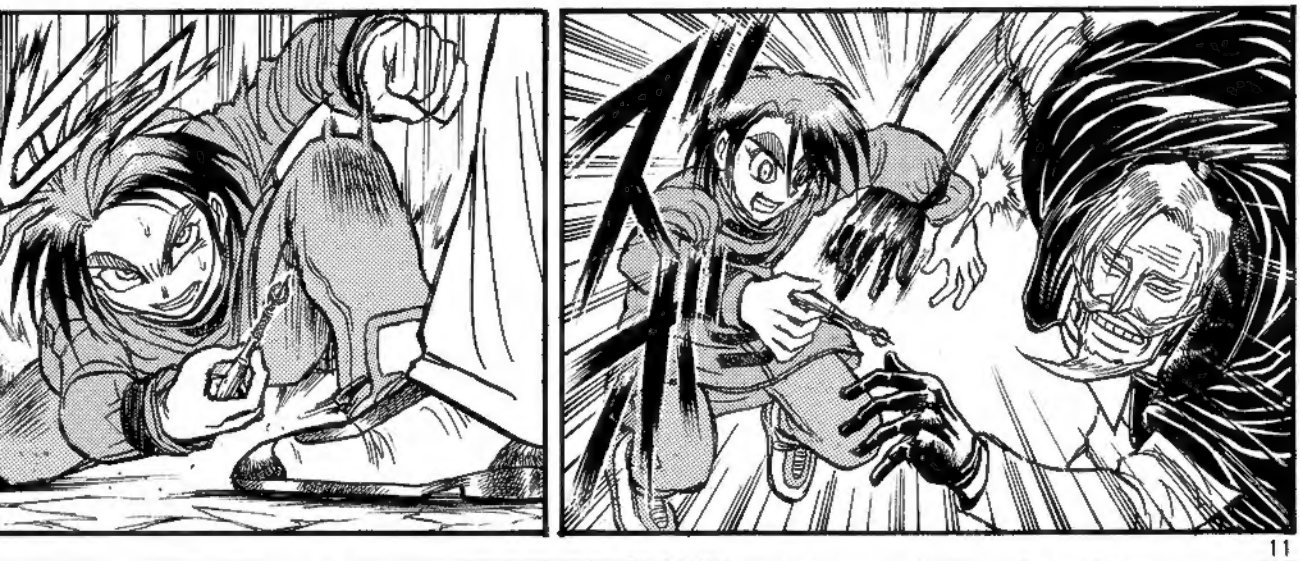
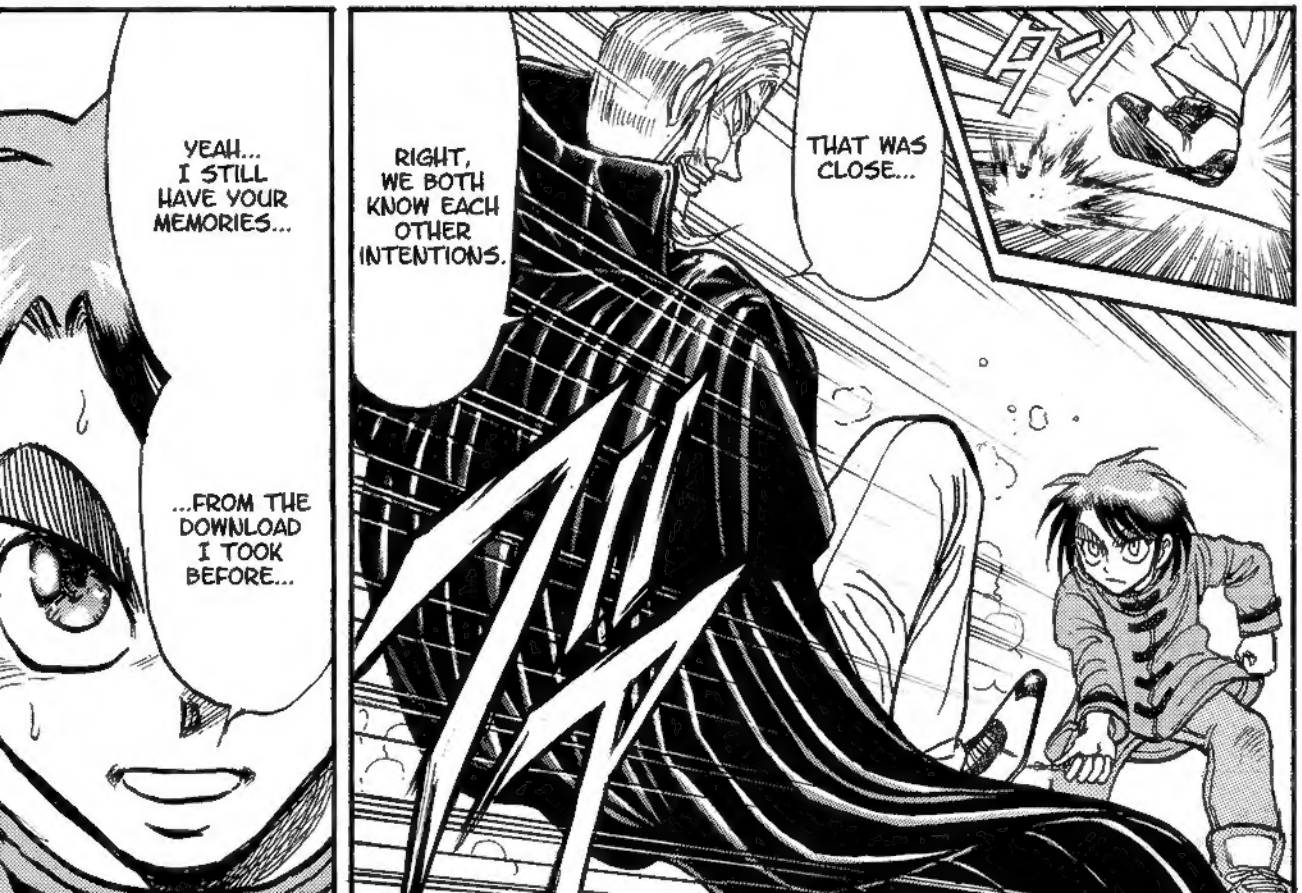

IF I CAN'T GO OVERHEAD, I'LL GO LOW...

TCHH...
DISM-
ANTLE!!




YEAH... I STILL HAVE YOUR MEMORIES...
...FROM THE DOWNLOAD I TOOK BEFORE...
RIGHT, WE BOTH KNOW EACH OTHER INTENTIONS.
THAT WAS CLOSE...

I SEE... THEN, I HAVE TO GET SERIOUS TOO...
TODAY I'LL COMPLETELY...
...DOWNLOAD MYSELF INTO YOU.
WHAT?!
LOOK INSIDE THE ELEVATOR.
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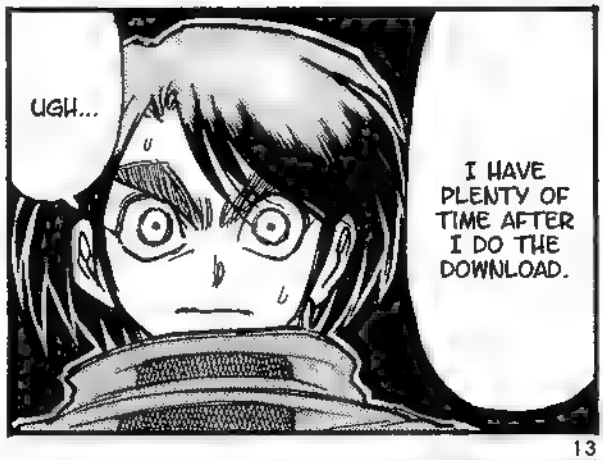
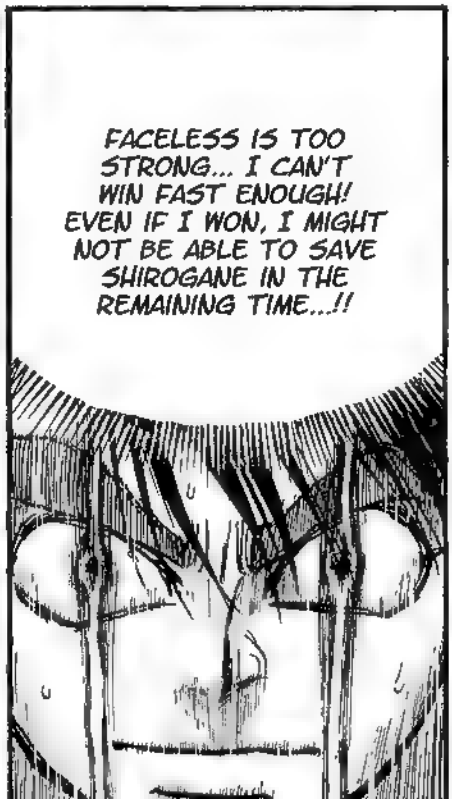
IT'S THE NEW DOWNLOAD SYSTEM.
NOW IT WON'T EVEN TAKE 10 MINUTES TO DOWNLOAD MY MIND INTO YOURS.
SO YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP...
EXACTLY!

IT'S JUST AS YOU HEARD. IT'S THE COUNTDOWN FOR THE ROCKET...
...THAT YOU'LL RIDE WITH SHIROGANE WHILE CARRYING MY BRAIN.
W-WHAT?
Resuming countdown... 42 minutes and 30 seconds until launch...

I'LL BE BOUND TOGETHER WITH SHIROGANE IN YOUR BODY.


UGH...
I HAVE PLENTY OF TIME AFTER I DO THE DOWNLOAD.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!


FACELESS IS TOO STRONG... I CAN'T WIN FAST ENOUGH! EVEN IF I WON, I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE SHIROGANE IN THE REMAINING TIME...!!

I KNOW HIS PLAN!!
MASTER, LOOK OUT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

M-
MASTER!!

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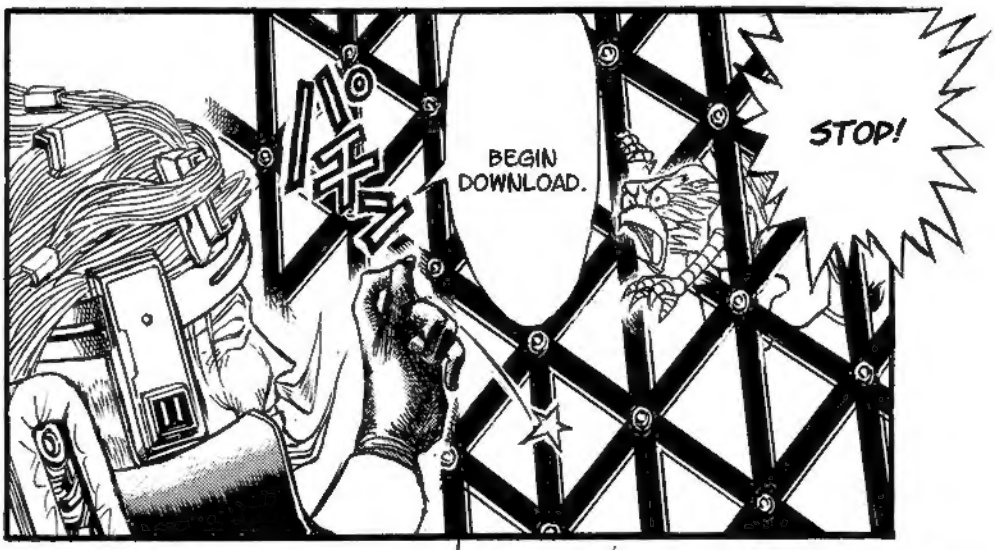
NOPE.

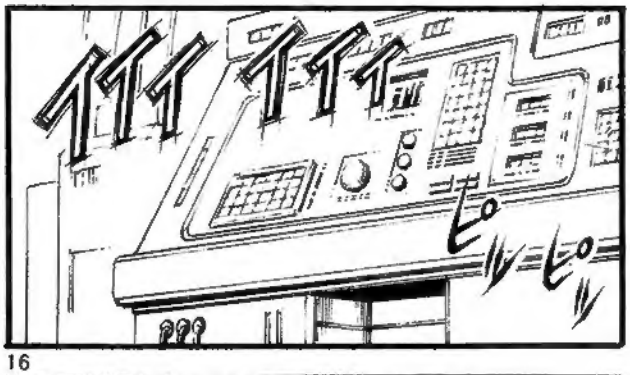
LET MASTER GO!!
MY NAME IS GRIPPON NOW!!

YOUR WARNINGS WON'T REACH YOUR MASTER ANY-MORE.
WHAT A PITY, GRYPHON.

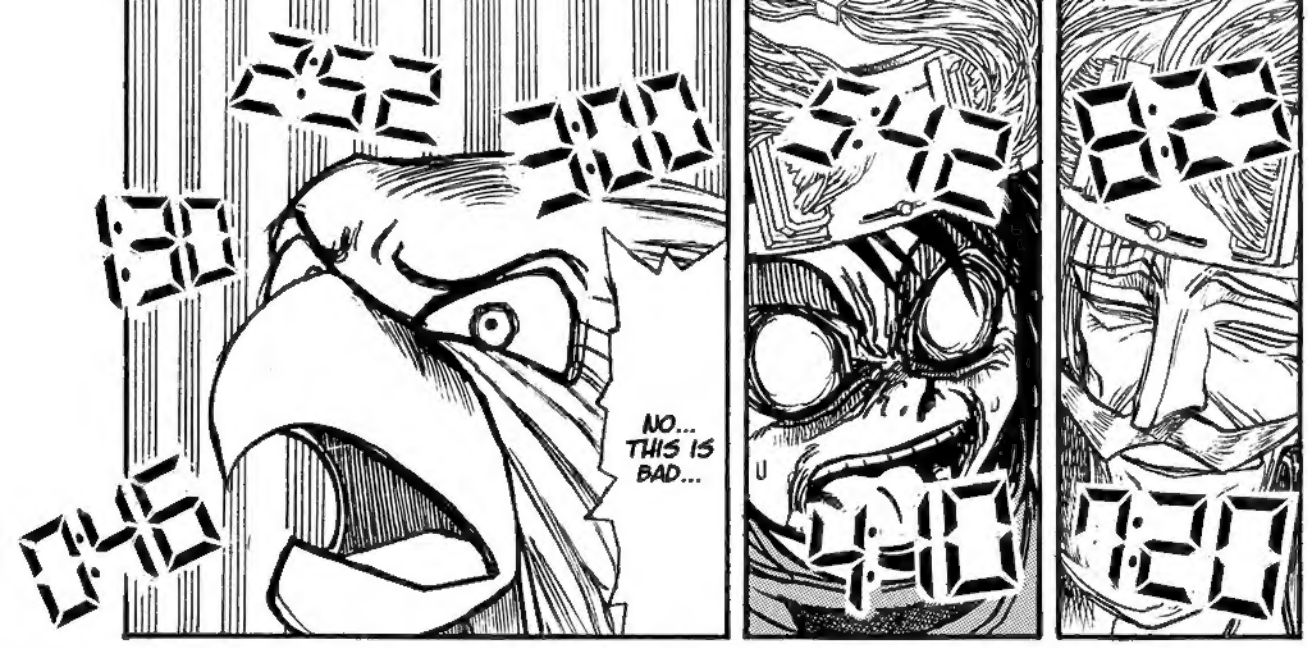
YOU'LL WATCH AS YOUR MASTER BECOMES ME.

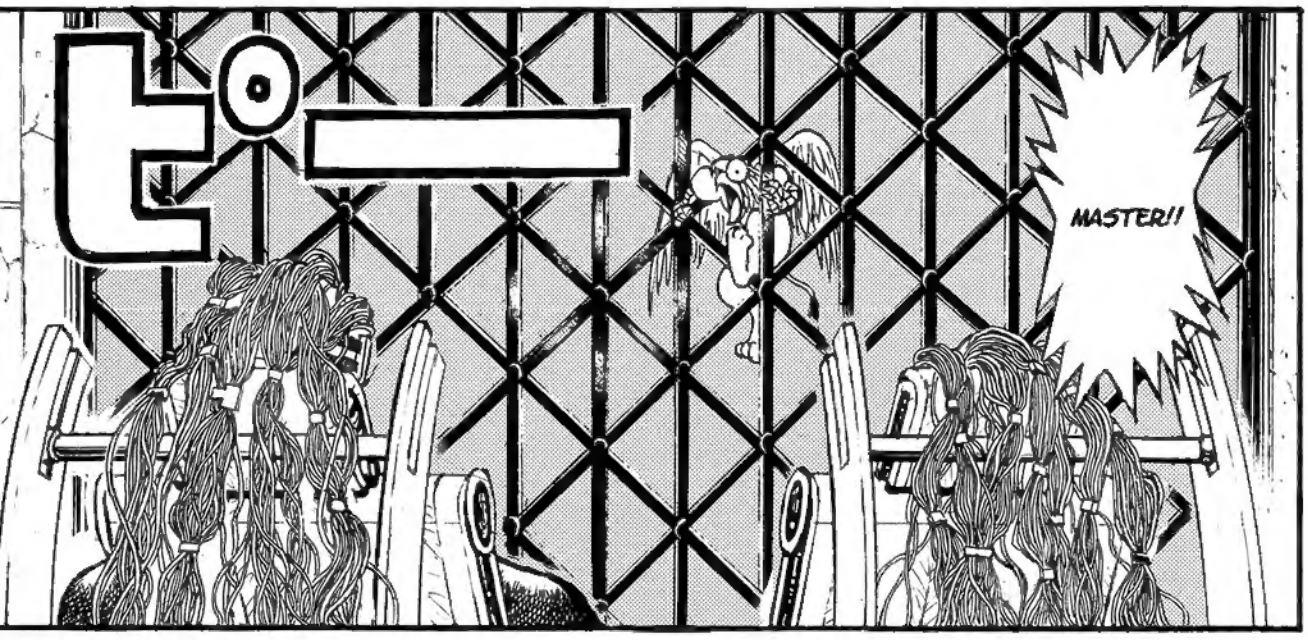
DON'T WORRY... IT'LL BE OVER IN 10 MINUTES.


BEGIN DOWNLOAD.
STOP!



DAMN IT!! I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE HIM!!


NO... THIS IS BAD...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MASTER!!

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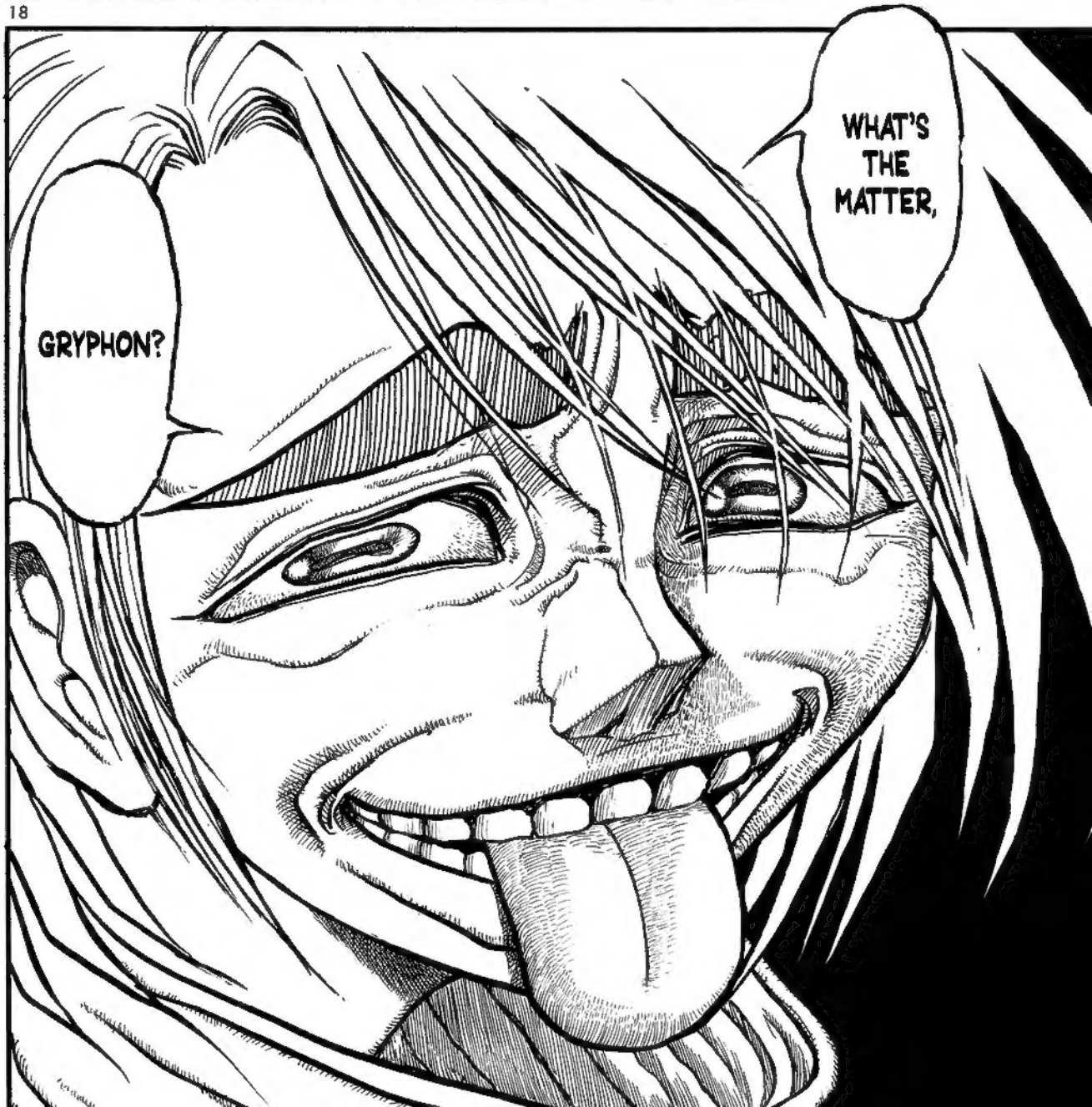
MASTER...?


WHAT'S THE MATTER,
GRYPHON?

INTERVAL
SEE YOU NEXT STAGE